



## Oranjestad Kunsthuis offers and unusual “Happy Hour”

Art lovers and aspiring artists will find more than martinis and relaxation at the Oranjestad Kunsthuis across from Fort Zoutman. Recently opened, the art gallery of Karin Marten and Gilbert Senchi has become a Mecca for local artists where their work is displayed, and for those that love to appreciate that work.

A great deal of that appreciation has taken place in the evenings, when the gallery has become a gathering place to now not only enjoy and discuss art, but with the advent of their Wednesday night “Happy Hour,” actually participate in the creation of a “group piece.” The fun and creativity starts at 6:30 PM lasting until midnight, or beyond.

Begun on Valentine’s Day with their first Wednesday event titled “Love, Art, and Clay,” attendees were invited to add their artistic contribution in converting a giant Absolute vodka bottle into a very unique sculpture. Anyone present that cared to was allowed to express themselves in clay, and after being left for a week to dry, the work was then completed this past Wednesday by anyone willing to grab a brush, (or airbrush, in the case of artist Eduardo Valbuena.)

Those that did not participate admired the other’s handiwork, along with various beautiful and thought provoking paintings and sculptures that adorn the Oranjestad Kunsthuis.

There is the art of appletinis and some of Aruba’s finest artists to be enjoyed on Wednesday evenings and weekends at the Oranjestad Kunsthuis, and if one is overtaken with a creative urge by a combination of the two, they are welcome to jump right in and make their contribution to the gallery!